

CLOSURE RULE LIKELY TO BE ADOPTED BY SENATE TODAY

Caucuses of Both Parties Decide That Debate Upon the Proposed Change in Regulations Shall Begin Immediately

AIMS AT MAKING "HOLDUPS" IMPOSSIBLE IN THE FUTURE

Provides For Limiting Debate Upon Vote of Two-Thirds of Membership of Upper House; President Now Asks Haste

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WASHINGTON, March 8.—Today, according to agreement in both the Democratic and Republican caucuses of yesterday, debate will begin in the senate upon the introduction of a new rule whereby debate may be limited in emergencies and such parliamentary tactics as were resorted to by the filibuster of Saturday and Sunday to block congressional action may be prevented in future. It is believed that there are more than enough votes to ensure the adoption of the new rule. The proposed rule will provide that upon the vote of two-thirds of the membership of the senate present, debate upon any specified subject may be limited. The two parties went into caucus on this subject yesterday, hastened by the insistence of the President that some action be taken whereby no small minority might block the will of the majority in pressing legislation, and by the stinging resolutions passed in a number of the State legislatures condemning the filibusters and upholding the President in his request upon extraordinary powers to meet the German submarine crisis.

First announced their support the new rule when it is presented on the floor of the senate in special session today. Whatever opposition may have developed in the Democratic caucus was not made public. In the Republican caucus one Maryland senator voiced dissent, stating that he refused to vote for the new rule under dictation of the President. Sherman of Illinois (Republican) will present the new rule in the senate. The President conferred in the White House with Senators Owen, Reed, Walsh, Swanson, James and Hoke Smith of the caucus committee. Secretary of State Lansing and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo were also present. The senators then hurried to the Capitol and conferred with Republican leaders to lay before them the plan for modified "closure," or closing of senate debate.

The President told the senators that he is anxious for prompt action; that the country is aroused over the situation, and that a few senators should not be allowed to interfere with the welfare of the country.

The Democratic and Republican closure committee agreed in a conference to recommend that the party caucus change the rule so that a two-thirds vote could close debate and dilatory tactics be prevented.

VILLISTA FORCES TO ATTACK BORDER TOWN

Juarez Reported Menaced By Troops Under General Salazar

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

EL PASO, March 8.—According to reports which have reached Juarez, just across the river from this city, a large force of Villistas, under the command of General Salazar, is on its way to attack Juarez. Marguila has been asked to send all the Carranza troops possible to defend the city. American troops have been ordered to keep an extra strict watch on the border and it is reported that they are preparing to cross the line in the event of any raid into American territory should the Villa troops gain control of Juarez.

T. P. O'CONNOR ASKS FOR
EARLY MOVE FOR IRELAND

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

LONDON, March 7.—On behalf of the Irish Nationalists, O'Connor moved in the house of commons today a resolution urging that the free institutions so long promised Ireland be established without further delay.

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BERLIN OFFICIALLY EXPLAINS PLOT AGAINST UNCLE SAM

Attitude of United States Towards Ruthlessness At Sea Held As Full Justification For Conspiracy To Bring On Attack By Mexico and Japan

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, March 8.—An official statement has been issued by the foreign office in explanation of the recent effort of the German diplomats to secure an alliance with Mexico and with Japan for a joint attack upon the United States in the event of the break leading to war between Germany and America. The statement says that the effort to perfect such a triple alliance against the United States was warranted by the attitude assumed by President Wilson and the administration at Washington in the matter of the unrestricted use by Germany of her submarines.

The attitude of the United States towards Germany, resulting in the breaking off of diplomatic relations, and the foreword from the United States in the series of notes from President Wilson, justified Germany in believing that the United States would become an active enemy of the Fatherland and in taking steps accordingly.

The fact that the United States has gained knowledge of the effort and is in possession of a copy of the letter of instructions to Minister von Eckardt, at the City of Mexico, forwarded by way of the German embassy at Washington, is due, the official statement announces, to treachery to Germany on the soil of the United States.

BRITISH HAMMERING TURKS AND CLOSE IN UPON BAGDAD CITY

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

LONDON, March 8.—Partly because the Western fronts for the most part are comparatively quiet the center of attention of the belligerent capitals is in Mesopotamia, where the British are continuing their terrific drive of the whole Turkish army. Nothing like the rout of the Turks has been seen in this far, not even the great retreat of the Russians before the onslaught of von Hindenburg on the Danube. More than one hundred and fifty miles of constant fighting has been put behind them by the victorious British, and they have advanced in a straight line more than one hundred miles from the point where they struck the Turks that were holding the line about Kut-el-Amara broke them in pieces and flung them pell-mell back upon the base at Bagdad.

That historic city is now threatened by the onward moving British forces. They are now within nine miles of Ctesiphon, which is but nine miles from Bagdad, and is the site of the battle between General Townsend and the Turks, in the first mad dash of the British invaders up the Valley of the Tigris.

The Russians are also reported to be closing in upon the doomed city from their positions along the Persian frontier, and the Turkish forces are fleeing utterly demoralized before the twin attack.

Both British and Russians are reported to have taken large quantities of booty from the Turks, including a number of the largest guns sent by Germany and Austria to aid their allies. Huge quantities of munitions and supplies of many kinds have also fallen into the hands of the Entente troops.

On the western front the activities have been confined for the most part to the guns and the aeroplanes. The British report the loss of four planes and seven missing. In retaliation, they have downed three German planes.

THOUSANDS WATCH FIRE FIGHTERS IN GAS MASKS

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

NEW YORK, March 8.—Thousands watched firemen wearing "gas masks" such as the soldiers in the battle trenches of Europe use when the gas attacks are made, fighting with a seething sea of flames that devoured a great chemical factory here last night. Huge quantities of chlorine gas were liberated by the flames endangering the lives of the firemen until the arrival of the "gas masks." In all twenty of the fire fighters were "gassed" before they received their masks.

British Angered By Action of Holland

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

LONDON, March 8.—The announcement that Holland would discontinue all sailings to this country because of the blockade is regarded here as an unneutral move on the part of the Dutch government, and this country may retaliate by sealing Dutch ships now in British ports. Holland has lost heavily by the German campaign of ruthlessness.

CHIEF OF STAFF IS SCOTT AGAIN

President Re-Details Major General As Head of Army— Militia Ordered Home

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Major Gen. Hugh Scott, chief of staff, was yesterday again detailed to that position by the President.

Secretary of War Baker yesterday directed that between five thousand and six thousand enlisted men of the regular army be designated by the regular army commanders for commissions as company officers in whatever army might be raised in case war should call for immediate military expansion. Orders have been sent to each regiment to select sixty men eligible for commissions up to and including the grade of captains. They will be designated by military aptitude and not by examination.

War department orders were also issued to General Pershing, commanding the Southern Department, to hasten the return of the militiamen now on duty along the border, who are to be sent back to the home States to be demobilized. The order affects about 30,000 men.

Word from El Paso announces that unless new orders are received from Secretary Baker it will be at least the middle of April before the last militia regiment is entrained for the north.

BREAK WITH BERLIN PLEASES JAPANESE

Nippon Jubilant and Predicts Early Victory For Allies

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

TOKYO, March 7.—Washington's break with Germany forecasts a strong addition to the Allies and early defeat of the Central Powers in case of war, according to the interpretation placed on it in Japan.

With remarkable enthusiasm and harmony the Japanese are welcoming the diplomatic rupture of Germany and the United States. The press is devoting columns to the news of the break and allied features.

Interviews are being published with leading diplomats and other officials. Navy officers, unnamed, are giving interviews in which they unanimously agree that the United States navy is one of the strongest in the world and that it would be an easy task to help crush the German naval power in the event of a declaration of war.

CAPTURE OF GOMEZ ENDS INSURRECTION IN CUBA

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

HAVANA, March 8.—The capture of Jose Miguel Gomez, leader of the revolt in the eastern provinces of Cuba was officially announced yesterday. His whole staff including his son, fell into the hands of the federals. It is believed that his capture will bring the insurrection to a speedy end. The battle in which he was captured is said to have been the largest ever fought on the soil of this island.

BURLESON'S PLAN STARTS BIG POLITICAL RUMPU

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The announcement that Postmaster General Burleson has made that after April 1 all second and third class postmasters will be placed under the civil service rules and will be appointed by examination for their fitness and that the best men will be given the posts has caused a stir in the ranks of the politicians in this city. Democratic congressmen are particularly aroused by the move.

JAPANESE DREADNOUGHT READY FOR COMMISSION

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji)

TOKYO, March 8.—The new Japanese superdreadnought Yamashiro, which was launched November 3, 1915, at the Yokosuka naval yard, will be ready for duty by the end of this month. The Japanese government announced yesterday that the huge man-of-war will be commissioned April 1.

WORK OF BLIND BOY IS ON EXHIBITION

Good evidence of what the unfortunate blind may be taught to do in the way of earning their own living is to be seen in the windows of E. O. Hall & Son, in the shape of a number of skillfully woven doll hammocks. These are the handwork of Henry M. Bindt, a Honolulu lad now a student at the California Institute for the Deaf and Blind, at Berkeley.

These hammocks, which the lad has sent to Honolulu to be sold, are clever bits of weaving work, splendidly made and such as to win the favor of the mother of any nice doll.

Young Bindt has sent a number of articles to Honolulu of his own making, including a few ditty boxes, carefully made, with mitered corners. It is unlikely that many boys of Bindt's age, with the full use of their eyes could do as well.

JAPANESE AND UNITED STATES IN AGREEMENT

Rumored Understanding Said To Have Been Reached By Two Countries Is Seen As World Influence

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, February 18.—Diplomatic thought has been directed to a significant despatch from Petrograd, wherein the Bourse Gazette comments upon alleged recent diplomatic exchanges between the United States and Japan, which have resulted in an understanding between the two governments.

The writer says: "It is true that friendship has been assured between these two nations, the fact will have enormous influence on world policy, and the greatest profit from such development would accrue to the Near East allies of Japan, namely, Great Britain and Russia. It would mean that Germany had lost all hope of sea domination and was expelled forever from the Far East. Japan, in giving such guarantees, acts in full solidarity with the Allies. The friendship between America and Japan cannot be relegated to the second place of importance in the relations between Russia and Japan. On the contrary, it would give those relations more stability."

That Japan has given assurance to the United States government, and that, too, quite recently, of her friendship, there is hardly any question. That is clearly a matter of fact. Japan, it has been represented at least in well satisfied with the trade conditions between her empire and this country, as indeed they have never exceeded in volume the record of the past year. Her authorized representatives have said concerning this feature of the Pacific situation, that Japan can hardly be expected to want to seek a quarrel with her best customer. But as for the future, also, it has become known that Japan is placing great store upon her future financial dealings with the United States. One phase of the relations between the two governments is a matter of concern in Tokyo as well as in Washington. That is the persistent practice of many newspapers to refer frequently to the so-called "Pacific menace," with the result that a public opinion has been built up to some extent that would expect possible future dangers in the Pacific when the present war is over.

For the present, in the view of conservative diplomats here, leaving out of consideration whether there is any foundation for the fears entertained, it is considered unwise to give publicity to these vaguely defined and sinister references to Japan. The view is taken that if there is foundation for fear, no patriotic or other good purpose is served by keeping the matter before the public, and if the fear is not well founded, then the publication is reprehensible.

Japanese statesmen, as well as United States officials, feel the force of this, and they are men who are sincerely hoping that the relations of the two nations may remain friendly. In the view of United States officials who are familiar with the relations with Japan, and who know how during the past year Japanese officials have studiously sought to have it appear that they are valuing the friendship of the United States, opportunity ought to be afforded at least for the demonstration of that friendship.

HUMANE SOCIETY IS KEEPING UP EFFORTS

The regular monthly meeting of the Humane Society was held yesterday morning, at which the agent reported 133 animal cases and ten children cases which came under her notice. It was a quiet month as far as the children cases went, for several of these were investigations, and of the other three two children concerned were placed in the Salvation Army home and one baby was adopted.

Mrs. Cameron, an interested visitor at the meeting, spoke to the society on the subject of overloading animals. She had noticed, she said, two heavy carts on the Maunaloa hill drawn by four horses. All the drivers have been notified that they must divide the load at the foot of a hill and come back for the other half. This matter was referred to the agent to investigate.

The legislative committee is especially interested in a detention home for girls and a home for feeble-minded children. Both of these institutions were brought to the attention of the legislature in the Governor's message. Another subject discussed was the shipping of cattle and the need of slaughter houses on the other islands and cold storage on the steamers.

WILL FORCE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ON AVENUE

Legal action will be taken by the city to force property-owners along Kalakaua Avenue to put in sidewalks. The city and county attorney's office was directed by the supervisors last night to investigate the rights of the city in the case. The plan is to have the city construct the sidewalks in front of the H estate, the Booth estate and other properties and recover the cost of the work by court action.

WANTS IMPROVEMENT

Supervisor Logan raised the subject of improvement work on Sheridan Road at the board meeting last night and was named a committee of one to investigate the proposition.

SUBMARINE LOSSES DIMINISHING FAST

Report For Week Ending March Fourth Shows Marked Falling Off In Ships Sunk

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

LONDON, March 8.—For the week ending March 4 the work of the German submarines fell off remarkably, according to the official reports issued by the British government last night. In that time twenty-six vessels were sunk and twelve were unsuccessfully attacked by submarines. In the same period of time 225 vessels of all sorts arrived in different British ports and 2477 sailed, a total of more than ten thousand sailings for the week, so that the percentage of damage done was less than one-quarter of one per cent.

Yesterday the German admiral reported that submarines returning to German ports claimed the sinking of hostile ships aggregating 204,000 tons. This statement, however, is given out by the Overseas News Agency.

Berlin also claimed that the Russian cruiser Rurik struck a mine in the Gulf of Finland and was badly damaged, according to reports from Stockholm which have not yet reached this city.

The French bark Pacificque is reported missing by Lloyd's, and Paris has just announced the loss of the destroyer Cassini, sunk in the Mediterranean with the loss of 107 lives.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS PROPOSED

Will Make Belgium "Independent" But With Garrisons of Germans in Towns

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

HAYRE, France, March 8.—Germany is about to announce her peace terms, according to what appear to be well authenticated reports that have reached the Belgian authorities here, the temporary home of the Belgian government.

According to these reports the Berlin government is willing to pledge independence to the little country that the Kaiser's hosts invaded and ravaged, but under certain restrictions. The chief of these is that the Germans are to be allowed to maintain garrisons at Liege and Namur, the door into Belgium and Northern France from the east, and furthermore that the Kaiser is to continue control over all the Belgian railroads and the Belgian ports. Belgium, it is reported, is to be allowed to maintain a gendarmerie, but is not to be allowed to have an army of her own.

DRIVE PROBE INTO VALLEY ISLE FIRM

Public Utilities Commission Hears Complaints From Maui Paper

On complaint from the Maui News of poor power service, the Island Electric Company of Maui was the object of investigation again by the public utilities commission yesterday. J. H. Blair, superintendent of the company, was examined at length by Commissioners Carr and Gignoux, and Judge Watson, the commission attorney, as to what the company planned to do to remedy its service.

Lack of definite information on account of the residence on the mainland of the president of the company, Robert E. Bond, hindered the commission from making much progress.

Blair was instructed to produce for the commission all correspondence on the negotiations for renewal of the power contract with the Kahului Railway and the present contract as well as the contract with the Maui News. The cause of the newspaper's complaint is that every once in a while their power gives out. The company explains that this is due to the "overload" from excessive use of power by the Kahului Railway during the day. The situation as described by Blair is that the plant has not the capacity of the present consumption of power including the large amount used by the railway company. He explained that the contract with the railway would expire in September and that meanwhile it would be impossible to install additional power units and that the only thing that could be done was to wait for the expiration of the railway contract.

Any investigation of the company's service at present, said Commissioner Gignoux, would be very unsatisfactory with the head of the company, Mr. Bond, on the mainland.

FILIPINOS ARRESTED FOR BUYING ARMY "GUNS"

Two Filipinos were turned over to United States Marshal Snidely yesterday by Detective Harry T. Lake and at least one of them may be charged with the purchase of army goods from a soldier, which is a criminal offense. Ramon Reyes, who is principally involved, is said to have purchased a revolver from a trooper of the Fourth Cavalry, but the gun was actually found in the possession of Philip Madanapawa. Both men are residents of Wahiawa, from whence came the complaint.

SECRETARY BAKER TO VISIT HERE AND PHILIPPINES

Head of War Department Is Also To Make Tour of Inspection of the Mexican Border Line and Will Also Go To Alaska To See Government Railroad

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Secretary of War Baker is soon to visit Hawaii to make a personal inspection of the various army posts and coast defense fortifications of Oahu and to familiarize himself with the military requirements of the department. It is not definitely fixed when the secretary will leave Washington, except that it will be soon. The secretary is planning an extended tour and will visit and inspect the border posts along the Mexican line, Hawaii, the Philippines and that portion of Alaska being opened up by the new government railway.

CHINESE CABINET CRISIS PASSES WITH ABSOLUTE VICTORY FOR PREMIER

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

PEKING, March 8.—Tuan Chi-jui, premier, who had tendered his resignation from the cabinet because of the attitude of the President toward Germany, and the question of severing relations between this capital and Berlin, has listened to the appeal of the chief executive and has agreed to retain the premiership. This is regarded as a victory for the Allied influence in China. Word that Li Xue-Hong, the president, had sent Hung Kwong-Chang, the vice-president to Tientsin, whether Tuan had fled after resigning in an effort to get the premier to reconsider his action became public yesterday, to be followed almost immediately by the announcement that the resignation had been effective and that Tuan would remain in office. It was reported that he had insisted upon the president withdrawing all opposition to a break with Germany and for a time it was believed that this would prove a fatal barrier to any agreement between the two, and that a successor would be named at once, but the announcement of Tuan's withdrawal of his resignation put an end to those rumors.

Repeated attempts recently have been made to impeach Premier Tuan Chi-jui and the friction has become so serious between the parliament and the cabinet that some vital change seems imminent.

Many of the newspapers are predicting that the parliament will be disbanded because of its lack of acceptance of the cabinet. The hostile criticism of parliament has been intensified by a pitched battle in which the members engaged because of controversy over the constitution. Chairs and ink bottles were utilized as weapons. Six or seven members of parliament were badly injured in the fight, which resulted in the wrecking of the interior of one of the parliamentary halls.

The fight was precipitated by a very close vote on the section of the constitution providing for provincial governments. The Kuomintang, or ultra-republican faction, which is seeking to decentralize the Peking government, favored the establishment of provincial governments similar to those the states have in America. Two votes were cast, and it was found that the Kuomintang was defeated by a narrow margin. On a recount there were found to be more votes than members in attendance at the session, and the result was a general acrimony.

Leaders of the Kuomintang have been doing everything in their power to embarrass Premier Tuan Chi-jui, without great success. The premier remains the favor of most of the prominent military leaders in China, and has been able to withstand the repeated onslaughts of his enemies. He still remains a towering figure, although somewhat weakened by the Kuomintang criticism in parliament and threatened by the ultra republicans in Shanghai and South China, who are forming a government similar to those the states have in America. Two votes were cast, and it was found that the Kuomintang was defeated by a narrow margin. On a recount there were found to be more votes than members in attendance at the session, and the result was a general acrimony.

President Li Yuan-hung has kept aloof from the struggle between the premier and the parliament, but unfortunately both parties to this strife are very critical of his attitude and say he has shown a lack of courage. Enemies of Premier Tuan Chi-jui have not only assailed him through parliament, but have endeavored in other ways to embarrass the present government. They are charged with having inspired the French boycott in Tientsin for the purpose of showing the weakness of the foreign policy of the present cabinet. Many Chinese papers also charge that the Kuomintang is constantly carrying favor with Japan seeking to strengthen itself at the loss of China's prestige.

While the struggle is going on between the parliament and the cabinet in Peking, South China is becoming very impatient, and there are constant rumors of the possible secession of all the provinces south of the Yangtze Valley in case conditions in Peking do not improve very speedily.

The Kuomintang criticizes the cabinet on the ground that it is not in reality a responsible cabinet, but is merely a committee dominated by Premier Tuan Chi-jui, which is not subject to the will of the president and is carrying out the wishes of the public.

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MERCHANT MEN WILL BE ARMED DESPITE ACTION OF FILIBUSTERS

President Believed To Have Power To Go Ahead Without the Formal Permission From Congress, Which He Asked

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The arming of American merchant ships against the murderous attacks of German submarines is believed to be but a matter of a few days now. Official circles of Washington are of the opinion that a way will be found by the President and his advisors, to go ahead with the work of arming American craft to protect themselves from attack without the formal permission from congress which the President asks of the last session, and which was denied him by the filibuster led by Senator La Follette.

Administration officials urged strongly on the President their view that the government may legally arm merchant vessels without awaiting express authority which congress might give at a special session.

The urge that the old law passed in 1910 would not apply to the present situation, The President heard them with keen interest and indicated that he is seeking legal means of acting promptly, though he would prefer congressional approval.

The definite impression is gained in official circles that the merchant vessels will be armed soon. This was strengthened after a conference of the President with administration officials and Democratic senators.

In the meantime other preparations for war with Germany, in case of "an overt act" by the submarines of that power, are being rushed with all possible speed. Secretary Baker, Secretary Lane and Secretary Houston, accompanied by a number of army officers of the engineer corps left here yesterday to begin a search for a site for the twenty million-dollar nitrate plant, which was authorized by the naval appropriations of the last session. The President has personally urged the members of the party to use all possible haste in their selection as the need for the plant, should war come, would be great, and Mr. Wilson wishes to have work start on its construction with the least possible delay.

The party has with it the report of the committee that investigated the claims of several score of cities and localities to the plant and it is likely will visit a large number of them before coming to a decision.

PORTO RICO SUGAR WORKERS ON STRIKE

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, March 8.—Every sugar plantation on the island is now involved in the strike of the cane field laborers, with the exception of one estate which has given in to the demands of the laborers for a minimum wage of one dollar for an eight hour day.

Santiago Iglesias, head of the federation of labor in Porto Rico, who has just returned from the United States after a conference with the heads of the American Federation of Labor, has called the general strike, the call being responded to by practically every laborer on the sugar plantations.

There have been sporadic evidences of lawlessness and fires have been started in isolated instances.

AMERICAN PHYSICIANS REMAINING IN GERMANY

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, March 7.—American physicians who are in Germany on various medical expeditions are remaining in the country and continuing their work. The military authorities are cordially insisting that they continue their duties and are giving written guarantees that the members of the expeditions will be allowed to depart when they desire. The unit medical station at Namburg has been discontinued, the expedition presenting the model hospital to the municipality.